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Int. Ill. Mon. nite 11-10-75 the Ore-carrier, Edmund Fitzgerald, in Lake Superior in worst storm in 35 yrs. Loaded with 26,000 tons of TA-CON-ITE pellets. (iron). Presumably = broke in half about 7:30 P.M. Sank in 520 ft. of water. 729 foot vessel and all 29 crew members vanished.

all that Remains: Flotsam + Jetsam. (a life raft, two battered life-boats, a few life-jackets & other debris. Flotted to Canadian shore

Flotsam = drift wood, drifting wreckage.

Jetsam = drifting cargo cast overboard to lighten a distressed vessel. Acts 27:19, 38. Jonah 1:5.

(Melita)

Jonah became a drifter at sea. Part of Flotsam + Jetsam

Symbol: Disobedience, Unfaithfulness.

I Lord's Church has an eternal problem with Flotsam and-Jetsam members. Drifters! Heb. 2:1-2.

A. Jesus announced this problem early. Matt. 7:13-14

Ill. Poem: The Easy Road. Edgar A. Guest. (Card #1)

1. Maybe explains: Matt. 20:16. 22:14. Matt. 7:21-23. Sooth!

B. Paul acknowledged the problem as a personal one. 1. I Cor. 10:12-13. 2. I Cor. 9:27. a castaway. GR: Rejected with loss of future reward.

C. John warned the Laodiceans. Rev. 3:14-17.

II How does one know when he's Drifting?

A. answer is found in four tell-tale characteristics.

1. The Drifting Christian doesn't have time to READ his Bible enough? Drifting. Rom. 10:17.

a. II Tim. 2:15. Heb. 5:12-14.

Ill. Too busy! (Card #2)

2. The Drifting Christian doesn't have time to PRAY much.

a. I Thess. 5:17. Gr: "Unceasingly pray!"

Ill. Kn. II. P. 485.

Cotton thread factory sign: "When threads get tangled call for the FOREMAN. New girl! Tangled. Struggled. Made worse mess." "It's not worth it!" "It's a damn shame!"

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3. The Drifting Christian Is Slack in his Church & Class attendance. Drifts

Ill. No time for God. (Card)
a. * Heb. 10:23-27. No time to even obey gospel!
B-R-C-B.

Inv. The Drifting Christian does not love God? Drifts along with Satan.

a. Shock you if I told you, you didn't love God.
(1. test: Matt. 22:37. I John 5:3.

(2. Who or what keeps you from a full, rich & rewarding - active Christian life?
JOB? Family? Friends? Pleasures? Laziness?

b. Every Christian who truly loves God finds something to do in the Church to prove it.
Doesn't want to be flotsam & jetsam?

c. Every person - not a Christian follows the ONE way to prove it! Obey gospel!
Ill. He runs no risks. Card # 38. #4

Hope this is your decision this morning!

"I will run NO more risks."

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